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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1.   (Three times amended)   A method of producing a semi-hard magnetic material, wherein the magnetic coercive force Hc of the semi-hard magnetic material is greater than or equal to 800 A/m, which semi-hard magnetic material can maintain a magnetized state and can also be demagnetized, comprising the steps of: preparing a multilayer body in which layers "A" each consist essentially of Fe having magnetism and layers "B" each containing a non-magnetic Cu group metal as the main component thereof are stacked on each other; heating the multilayer body so that the layers "B" are segmented substantially sheet-like layers formed by a dividing heat treatment; and applying a cold plastic working to the multilayer body.

6.   (Three times amended)   A semi-hard magnetic material wherein the magnetic coercive force Hc of the semi-hard magnetic material is greater than or equal to 800 A/m which semi-hard magnetic material can maintain a magnetized state and can also be demagnetized, said magnetic material having a structure in which layers "A" each consist essentially of Fe having magnetism and layers "B" each containing a non-magnetic Cu group metal as the main component thereof are stacked on each other, the layers "B" being segmented substantially sheet-like layers.

16.   (Amended)   A semi-hard magnetic material wherein the magnetic coercive force Hc of the semi-hard magnetic material is greater than or equal to 800 A/m, which semi-hard magnetic material can maintain a magnetized state and can also be demagnetized, said magnetic material having a structure in which layers "A" each consist of Fe having magnetism

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and layers "B" each containing a non-magnetic Cu group metal as the main component thereof

are stacked on each other, each of said layers "B" being segmented substantially sheet-like

layers.

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